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## Steps taken to eliminate data leaks

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WASHINGTON — In an effort to prevent damaging or embarrassing security leaks and to ensure that the government speaks with one voice on policy, the Reagan administration is sharply restricting access to much classified material at the Pentagon and in the National Security Council.

Undeterred by its predecessors' lack of success, the administration has denied longtime press officers

access to some classified material. And security council staff members have been prohibited from speaking to reporters.

Both steps go beyond moves by other recent administrations to plug press leaks. But both new appointees and old government hands were skeptical that the effort would be more successful this time.

They said the primary goal was to avoid the confusion of having the government speak with many voices, and most denied any intention of cutting off information that contradicts the official White House "party line" on foreign policy.

Tough Pentagon warnings against leaks from deputy secretary Frank Carlucci and spokesman Henry Catto "were just knee-jerk reactions" to potentially damaging press reports on Soviet troop buildups around Poland, one official said.